

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are all the claims currently pending in this Application.

Formalities

With this Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges Applicant's claim to foreign priority and the receipt of the certified copy of the priority document. The Examiner also returns signed and initialed copies of the PTO forms submitted with the Information Disclosure Statements of April 14, 2004; November 14, 2005; December 15, 2005; and April 6, 2006; indicating that the references listed therein have been considered.

Claim Amendments

With this Amendment, claims 1-8, 10, 11, 13-18, and 20 are amended. All amendments are fully supported in the originally-filed specification. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

Title and Abstract

The Examiner objects to the title and to the Abstract of the Disclosure. With this Amendment, Applicant amends the title and the Abstract and respectfully requests that the objections thereto be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Objections to the Claims

The Examiner objects to claims 5 and 6 due to informalities. With this Amendment, Applicant amends claims 5 and 6 to correct the informalities and respectfully requests that the objections to claims 5 and 6 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 101

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. With this Amendment, Applicant amends claim 20 and respectfully requests that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Prior Art Rejections

Claims 1, 4-9, 11-13, 15, 17, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Sashihara (U.S. Publication 2002/0165008). Claims 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Sashihara. Claims 2, 3, 14, 16, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Sashihara in view of Chujo (U.S. Publication 2002/0023156). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Sashihara describes encrypting and transferring data into an external memory. However, in exemplary embodiments of the present invention, when there is data to be stored, an area to store the data, allocated to a specific authorized user, is created dynamically in a memory.¹

Sashihara merely describes storing “the encrypted result as an encrypted ID into a given area of the external memory 3 (step S3)” (paragraph [0049]).

Chujo fails to remedy this deficiency of Sashihara. Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 13, and 20 are patentable over the cited references and that claims 2-12

¹ Claim 1: “memory area creating means for dynamically creating a memory area in the mobile terminal, allocated for the authorized user and identified by the ID information of the authorized user” — Claim 13: “dynamically creating a memory area in the mobile terminal, allocated for an authorized user and identified by the ID information read from the memory medium” — Claim 20: “a memory area creating function of dynamically creating an allocated memory area, which is unique to each authorized user, in association with the ID information of the user”.

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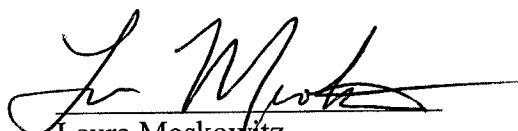
and 14-19 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependencies. Applicant respectfully requests that the prior art rejections of claims 1-20 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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